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1. SUMMARY : MTC FOCUSSED MAINLY ON IMPACT OF ENERGY CRISIS ON SHIPPING, RELATION OF RECENT OECD WP6 TIGHTENING OF SHIP EXPORT CREDITS TO LDC'S, AND UNCTAD CODE OF CONDUCT ON LINER CONFERENCES. END SUMMARY.

2. ENERGY CRISIS AND SHIP BUNKERS : MTC PRAISED SECRETARIAT FOR ITS REPORT ON EFFECT OF PETROLEUM SHORTAGE ON SHIPPING (DOC. MT(74)2, ADDENDUM 1). IT GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT BUNKER SUPPLY PROBLEM HAD EASED GREATLY, THAT BUNKER PRICE SITUATION WAS GRADUALLY STABILIZING, AND THAT HIGHER BUNKER PRICES CONSTITUTED PRINCIPAL EFFECT OF ENERGY CRISIS ON WORLD SHIPPING. SEVERAL DELS (JAPAN, ITALY, NORWAY, U.S.) PROPOSED CORRECTIONS TO SECRETARIAT REPORT ON ASPECTS OF BUNKER PROBLEM RELATING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. SECRETARIAT WILL ISSUE CORRECTED AND UPDATED VERSION OF REPORT. MTC AGREED TO PLACE SUBJECT ON AGENDA OF NEXT MTC MEETING, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS EFFECTS OF ENERGY CRISIS ON NATIONAL SHIPPING, US, FRG AND UK DELS REPORTED ON PHILIPPINE BUNKERING DISCRIMINATION PROBLEM, BUT NEITHER OF LATTER HAD MORE RECENT REPORT THAN U.S. INFO THAT PROBLEM APPEARED TO BE LESSENING.

3. WP6 (SHIPBUILDING) : NETHERLANDS REP RAISED PROBLEM OF INCONSISTENCY OF RECENT WP6 ACTION TO HARDEN SHIP EXPORT CREDIT TERMS WITH VARIOUS UNCTAD RESOLUTIONS, NOTABLY 70(III), CALLING ON OECD COUNTRIES TO CONSIDER LIBERALIZATION OF EXPORT CREDIT TERMS FOR SHIPS FOR LDCS. NETHERLANDS URGED FURTHER THAT MATTER BE RAISED IN DAC AND THAT MTC REPS BRIEF THEIR RESPECTIVE DAC COLLEAGUES ON PROBLEM. WHILE THIS IS NOT DIRECT PROBLEM FOR U.S. WHICH NOT MEMBER OF WP6 OR OF OECD UNDERSTANDING ON SHIP EXPORT CREDITS, MATTER WILL PROBABLY ARISE IN NEXT UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING (GENEVA, JULY) WHEN LDCS WILL AGAIN PRESS FOR LIBERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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CREDIT TERMS FOR SHIP EXPORTS. (SEE PARIS A-81 FOR BACKGROUND).

4. SHIPPING POLICY ISSUES : THIS SUBJECT RECEIVED LIGHTER TREATMENT THIS MTC MEETING. ITALY REPORTED THAT AFTER TAKING COUNTER-MEASURES AGAINST VENEZUELAN FLOG-DISCRIMINATION, SHIP-OWNERS OF RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES HAD REACHED MODUS-VIVENDI. SEVERAL DELS (GREECE, ITALY, JAPAN, FRANCE, NORWAY) REPORTED ON MARITIME AGREEMENTS RECENTLY CONCLUDED

OR UNDER NEGOTIATION WITH PRC. UK DEL PROVIDED DESCRIPTION OF ITS SHIPPING COUNTER - MEASURES BILL, WHICH WILL NOW DIE TEMPORARILY AS RESULT OF CALL FOR GENERAL ELECTION. US EXPECTS HOWEVER THAT BILL WILL BE RESURRECTED AFTER ELECTIONS. U.S. DEL REPORTED ON STATUS OF U.S.- U.S.S.R. MARITIME AGREEMENT, SCHEDULED FMC HEARINGS ON PRU-GRACE POOLING AGREEMENTS WITH ELMA AND FLOTA MERCANTE, GRANCOLOMBIANA, IMMINENT PUBLICATION OF FMC SECTION 19 REGULATIONS, AND VARIOUS SHIPPING BILLS IN CONGRESS (OIL IMPORT CARGO PREFERENCE, DEEP WATER PORTS, INTERMODAL TRANSPORT, AND 3RD FLAG SHIPPING RATES). NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

5. DAC COORDINATION : RE DAC PROPOSAL ON COORDINATION OF OECD EFFORTS ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (REF OECD DOC DAF/MTC/74.3), MTC AGREED TO US DEL SUGGESTION THAT MTC TRANSMIT TO DAC A VERY BRIEF REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION ASPECTS OF MTC'S WORK ON CODE OF CONDUCT AND OTHER UNCTAD MATTERS. SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE DRAFT FOR CONSIDERATION OF MTC AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

6. UNCTAD : EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES CLEARLY MOST ANTICIPATED AGENDA ITEM, EVEN THOUGH MTC SPECIAL GROUP WILL SPEND NEXT THREE DAYS ON THIS SUBJECT AND CONSULTATIVE SHIPPING GROUP COUNTRIES HAD MET TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT ON MONDAY. HOWEVER, INTERVENTIONS WERE LIMITED TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAD NOT ACCEPTED U.N. CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S PACKAGE PROPOSAL (I.E. U.K., NORWAY, SWEDEN, ITALY, DENMARK, GREECE) OR HAD RESERVED POSITION (JAPAN AND U.S.). LITTLE NEW EXCEPT DRAMATIC SWEDISH DESCRIPTION OF EXPECTED IMPACT OF CODE'S CARGO-SHARING PROVISIONS ON SWEDISH LINER SHIPPING REVENUES AND SWEDISH INVISIBLES RECEIPTS.(NITTY-GRITTY DISCUSSION OF CARGO-SHARING HELD WEDNESDAY IN SPECIAL GROUP MEETING, REPORTE
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